

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 10, and 12 as rewritten below in clean form. Another version of the rewritten claims is attached hereto on a paper separate from the amendment labeled "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made," marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of each claim being amended.

Amend

1. (Amended) A method for effecting a connection between a user node on a network and a destination node on the network with an audio program, comprising the steps of:

5 playing at the user node the audio program having embedded therein a unique code;

B2 detecting the unique code at the user node during the playing of the audio program at the user node;

10 in response to detecting the output of the unique code during playing of the audio program at the user node, causing the user node to be interconnected with the destination node without user intervention over the network such that the destination node can transmit information to the user node.

and C 2)
3. (Amended) A method for effecting a connection between a user node on a network and a destination node on the network with an audio program, comprising the steps of:

15 playing at the user node the audio program having embedded therein a unique code;

detecting the unique code at the user node during the playing of the audio program at the user node;

20 in response to detecting output of the unique code during playing of the audio program at the user node without user intervention, transmitting information regarding the unique code over the network to an intermediate node on the network;

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25 matching the received information regarding the unique code with routing information stored in a database at the intermediate node, which routing information defines the location on the network of a plurality of destination nodes, the database having stored therein a correspondence between unique codes and select ones of the destination nodes; and

if there is a match between the received unique code and a unique code stored in the database, causing the destination node and the user node to be connected over the network with the corresponding routing information, such that the destination node can transmit information to the user node.

and C 2)
10. (Amended) A system for effecting a connection between a user node on a network and a destination node on the network with an audio program, comprising:

5 a unique code embedded in the audio program, the audio program playing at the user node;

a detector for detecting said unique code at the user node during play of the audio program at the user node; and

10 wherein said detector detects the output of said unique code during play of said audio program at the user node, causing the user node without user invention to be interconnected with the destination node over the network such that the destination node can transmit information to the user node.

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12. (Amended) A system for effecting a connection between a user node on a network and a destination node on the network with an audio program, comprising:

5 a unique code embedded within the audio program, the audio program playing at the user node;

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10 a detector for detecting said unique code at the user node during play of the audio program at the user node;

15 an intermediate node disposed on the network for receiving information regarding said unique code, said information regarding said unique code transmitted without user intervention over the network to said intermediate node in response to said detector detecting output of said unique code during play of the audio program at the user node;

15 routing information stored in a database at said intermediate node, such that said routing information is matched with said received information regarding said unique code, which said routing information defines a location on the network having a plurality of destination nodes, said database having stored therein a correspondence between unique codes and select ones of the destination nodes; and

if there is a match between said received unique code and a unique code stored in said database, causing the destination node and the user node to be connected over the network with the corresponding said routing information such that the destination node can transmit information to the user node.

Please add new Claims 19 and 20 as written below.

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19. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the unique code is an audible code.

20. (New) The system of Claim 10, wherein said unique code is an audible code.

REMARKS

The Abstract of the Disclosure was rejected to by the Examiner as being of improper format regarding reference numbers in the parenthesis. This has been corrected.